

# Amateur Association to Consider Richmond Series At Meeting on Thursday

## AMATEUR MEETING

**Question of Amateur Day Expected To Be Called Off at Thursday's Gathering.**

**RICHMOND WANTS DATE**  
Winner of Post-Season Series Would Play Here Labor Day for Intercity Title.

### Among the Amateurs

**GAMES TODAY.**  
Capital City-Corn. vs. Wav.  
Central-Sher. vs. Y. M. C. A.  
Departmental-Aggies vs. Interstate.  
Federal-Tangle vs. P. B.  
E. W. S. R.-Ninth vs. U. B.  
Brookland-Math. vs. Cath.  
Potomac-C. H. vs. S. P.  
Marquette-Twin. vs. H. N.  
Eastern-Yankees vs. Mohawks.  
Northwestern-Imm. vs. Whit.

By BRYAN MORSE.

A meeting of the Association of Amateur Baseball Leagues of the District will be called this week probably on Thursday at which time the question of Amateur Day will be settled for the year. There is at present a decided opinion against holding the affair and from what can be learned from the managers the parade and review for Manager Griffith's prizes will be called off.

But four teams have signified their intention of getting into line for the parade and it is thought that insufficient interest falls to warrant the effort of putting the event through.

At an earlier meeting of the association twenty-two teams said they would take part in the parade. Secretary Shurtliff got out a number of letters to the amateur teams and so far after a month of patient waiting has heard from but four teams. It will probably be decided to quash the whole proceeding for the Amateur Day celebration at the meeting Thursday.

The proposition of having the winning team of the post season series, that is the team winning the city championship here, play the winner of the post season series of Richmond on Labor Day will be taken up at the meeting Thursday. For the past three years Richmond has entered the post season series of games for the intercity series.

The Baltimore team won the title in the Virginia city last year, and played two double-headers with the Peppo team, winner of the post season series here last year. The Richmond winter again wants a series this year, and the matter will be taken up by the amateur moguls on Thursday.

Baltimore wanted to enter the series earlier in the year. A visit from the Monumental City representatives in regard to the proposed nomination of a team from Baltimore showed that the Baltimore men were desirous of getting into a three-cornered affair. There was no way to nominate a winner from Baltimore, as the amateur teams playing there do not play under the same rules as the teams here and in Richmond.

It was thought that efforts would be made in Baltimore to have a commission or association established such as obtains here and in Richmond, but plans never matured. Richmond and Washington will now enter the series which will be played here Labor Day.

The question of Sunday baseball is not under the amateur association, and is a matter for leagues to deal with. During the last few weeks Sunday games have been played by many league teams, and in one instance regular league games have been carried.

There has been considerable support of the Sunday game proposition, and there are those who go so far as to say that the games will be regularly scheduled in the future.

The Fat Men composed of a number of players recruited from the amateur circuits played the Marshall team of Baltimore yesterday, taking both games of a double bill by scores of 6 to 3 and 9 to 1.

"Buck" Becker, former Atlanta and Washington pitcher, hurled the first game and Rhoads pitched the second. Both Russo, Olsen, Zarnell, Shalin, Morris, Martin Becker, Platt, and Schulz played for the Fat Men. The double defeat was the first sustained by the Monumental City nine.

The Ardmore Athletic Club, of Ardmore Md., is anxious to arrange Sunday games with the following clubs, to be played on either team's grounds: Laurel, Fort Washington, Savage, and Frederick. Address all communications to Richard Mansfield, 109 Fifteenth street southeast, or phone Lincoln 238.

The Fairview Athletic Club desires games with strong teams in and about Washington. All communications should be addressed to Mr. McGrath, 3222 U street southeast.

The champions of the Sunday School Baseball League, of Falls Church will practically be decided this week with the conclusion of three games that the Baptists, leaders of the league, have to play. Tomorrow the leaders meet the Northern Methodists and the chances of the Baptists of winning are good. On Thursday and Friday the leaders must contend with the Episcopalians and the Southern Methodists, and should these games be lost the race then will be between these three clubs.

**Results of games played yesterday follow:**  
Virginia, 15; Penrose, 5.  
Metropolitan, 7; Keystone A. C., 6.  
Fairview, 2; Shamrock, 1.  
Trojans, 3; Cleveland, 2.  
Baptists, 8; Spartans, 3.  
Baltimore, 4; Mohawks, 4.  
Lincoln, 4; White Haven, 0.

### Cruise In on.

CAMDEN, Me., July 7.—The fleet taking part in the cruise of the Eastern Yacht Club is expected to leave the harbor here this afternoon for North Haven.

You Have to Be a Quick-Change Artist to Stop At a Summer Hotel

By Goldberg



## EVERS IS SLOW AND CUBS FORFEIT GAME

Cardinals Get 9-to-0 Victory in Last, While Chicago Wins Opener By 6 to 0.

CHICAGO, July 7.—The Cubs might have had an extra game to their credit today had it not been for the dilatory tactics of one Johnny Evers. As things now stand, the Cubs have a 4-to-0 game credited at the expense of the Cardinals, while the latter were awarded a 9-to-0 forfeit game by Umpire Eason, because Evers appeared to be slowing up a game which was scheduled to be called at 5 o'clock.

Overall seemed to be up against it when he opposed Sale in the final game. The Cards scored on overall three times in the opening frame, and the way Sale was going the Cubs didn't seem to have a chance. The Cards added a run of Reubach in the second, and in order to expedite matters so that five full innings might be played before 5 o'clock, Wingo quipped so that Reubach could leave him out. Reubach fumbled, then over three first base, Schute and Evers took more time than was necessary in returning the ball, and it was then that Umpire Eason awarded the game to the Cardinals.

Score by innings: R. H. E.  
St. Louis..... 000 000-0 7 0  
Chicago..... 000 213-4 12 1  
Batteries—Harmond and Wingo; Pierce and Bresnahan.

## HORSES READY AT CLEVELAND TRACK

Meeting at North Randall Held Under the Auspices of Forest City Fair Association.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 7.—Quarantined at the racing plant at North Randall, just beyond the limits of this city, are several hundred trotters and pacers who are to furnish the sport that marks the first link of the Grand Circuit, which was opened at the track this afternoon under the auspices of the Forest City Fair Association.

Seldom, if ever, before have the horses reached the big line circuit in such excellent condition for the summer's campaign.

The spring training season was an unusually favorable one, both in the North and South, and as a result the horses look well to both the owners and trainers. Goers, Cox, McDonald, Murphy, and the other noted trainers who are familiar figures on the big circuit—all are here with their strings of trotters and pacers.

The program here is an excellent one. It provides for seven stake events with a value of \$19,200, of which \$12,000 will go to the trotters and \$7,200 to the pacers. As usual, the largest field is entered in the \$5,000 "Stake," the 2:14 trot for amateur drivers only, for which more than a score of horses will race. Next in number of entries is the \$5,000 Ohio 2:10 trot.

**Go to Vernon.**

NEW YORK, July 7.—Charlie Sterrett, the former Princeton idol, who signed with the Highlanders last season at the end of his college year, has been released to the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast League. Such was the announcement made last night by Tom Davis, secretary of the Killies.

### Cardinals Challenge.

The Cardinal Athletic Club, of Alexandria, Va., wants games with first-class teams for Wednesdays and Saturdays. Wednesday games are to be played at the Alexandria Baseball Park, while Sunday's games will be scheduled for Lighthouse Cove. Address Sylvester A. Green, 1222 King street, Alexandria, Va.

## FEAR APPLICATION IS LOST IN FLAMES

Federation's Petition for New Branch May Have Been Destroyed in Fire.

Harry A. Shurtliff, president of the District Federation which recently applied for a District of Columbia branch of the Amateur Athletic Union, is wondering today if his application was burned up with the records in the fire at James Sullivan's office in New York.

Many of the Olympic and amateur records went up in the flames, and President Shurtliff wants to know if his letter from the District Federation went up with the others.

"Save for a letter of acknowledgment," said Shurtliff today, "we have heard absolutely nothing save that the matter would be taken up shortly. We have complied in every way with the requirements of the A. A. U., and have sent in our application."

"I thought that perhaps the letter was bit of hitting for the veteran. Larry may be all in, but his eye for hitting is there. If you could entice old Pop Anson into a few games of ball and feed them to him for a week or so he would be clouting the mat his usual clip. All of which goes to show that if the eye is there the hits will follow and Larry Lajole always will be able to hit them even if he cannot get to first on a clean hit."

## Cook Wins Pentathlon At Grant Park Games

CHICAGO, July 7.—C. C. Cook, of the Chicago Athletic Association, won the pentathlon here yesterday, the concluding feature of the eight days of international athletic games. Cook won nine points.

C. W. Kelly, of the University of Southern California, was disqualified with F. V. Belote, of the Chicago Athletic Association, for failing to finish the 1,500-meter run. Kelly protested that he was crossed by Belote in a manner which deprived him of all chance to defeat Cook in the 1,500-meter, the final event. Cook was first in every event except the javelin, where he finished fifth.

## Mile Record Bettered By French Runner

STOCKHOLM, July 7.—Jean Bouin, the French runner, in the one-hour race at the Stadium yesterday covered 19,021.90 meters, (11 miles 144 yards). This broke the world's record of 11 miles 1,136 yards, made by Alfred Shrubbs, the English champion, in 1901, by 367 yards.

### Compete for Cup.

SEABRIGHT, N. J., July 7.—Contests for the cup of the Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club will begin today between sixteen men, all of whom have won championships in State or Eastern tournaments.

### Oakmonts Win.

The Oakmont baseball team defeated the Cairo team at Fifth and Florida avenue yesterday by a 5-to-4 score. Sampson allowed the Cairo team but four hits.

### Big League Biffers of a Day.

	A. B. H. T. E. Ave.
Lajole, Naps.....	3 3 3 1.000
Devore, Reds.....	1 1 1 1.000
Miller, Pirates.....	4 3 7 .750
Leach, Cubs.....	4 3 3 .750
Ryan, Naps.....	4 3 4 .750
Bergham, Reds.....	3 2 2 .667
Bresnahan, Cubs.....	3 2 2 .667
Harmon, Cards.....	3 2 2 .667
Butler, Pirates.....	3 2 2 .667
Pratt, Browns.....	3 2 2 .667
Evers, Cubs.....	3 3 3 .600

## BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

Others to go.

There may be others on the Climbers who are to take their way elsewhere within the next week or so. Griff appears to have about made up his mind that the time is ripe for experimenting. A couple of youngsters fall to impress many of the fans. Just remember this, however, that Griff held on to Boehling when everybody said he was in need of more seasoning. There are one or two other youngsters who will stay, but one or two others who are due for a change of scenery.

It doesn't matter.

While every one should be sorry for Marty O'Toole, the Pirate pitcher, now down with appendicitis, it really does not matter to the Pirates. With or without O'Toole, the Smoky City team is rank failure at this time and the answer is yet to be found. When Clarke and his Pirates met the Red Sox early in the spring he made several predictions. How sadly off the Pirate leader is everybody knows, for the Pirates have been worse than ever before.

That Brennan row.

The scrap Ad Brennan and Muggsy McGraw had last week is still the topic of conversation. It brings out several stories of McGraw's "goat-sucking" proclivities. It likewise calls attention to the methods of his athletes. Consider Connie Mack and his men. Mack toils without spinning, without the nastiness and obnoxious methods indulged in by McGraw. The game gets better. It does in spite of the McGraw type, which is getting to be the exception rather than the rule.

Larry in line.

Larrying Larry Lajole breaks again into the line-up with three hits out of three times up, which is quite a bit of hitting for the veteran. Larry may be all in, but his eye for hitting is there. If you could entice old Pop Anson into a few games of ball and feed them to him for a week or so he would be clouting the mat his usual clip. All of which goes to show that if the eye is there the hits will follow and Larry Lajole always will be able to hit them even if he cannot get to first on a clean hit.

## CLAMOR FOR CROSS TO MEET RITCHIE

NEW YORK, July 7.—Leach Cross' clean-cut victory over Bud Anderson and the triumph of Willie Ritchie over Joe Rivers, have prompted a popular demand for a title bout between the two winners. Cross is a legitimate lightweight. He can easily make 133 pounds ring-side, yet he prefers to box at a higher limit. Ritchie, the world's champion, met Rivers at 124 pounds ring-side. Consequently, it is believed that the champion would ask Cross to make the latter weight.

It is a fact that when Ritchie was here last summer he could not induce Cross to meet him in a ten-round bout under any reasonable conditions. Cross demanded an exorbitant guarantee, which made a match with Matchmaker William Gibson. But Cross is believed, would decline such a bout unless he received a guarantee for a share of the percentage, which the Garden Athletic Club would refuse to offer.

Cross upset the calculations of the wise men when he knocked out Anderson, Eastern sporting men who have seen Cross box with such lightweight as McFarland, Welsh, Britton, Matti Wells, and others, admitted yesterday that Leach had finished them with a little surprise. They declared that either Cross had suddenly improved wonderfully or that Anderson had been over-rated. According to reports from the ringside Cross' success was due to generalship and boxing skill.

Ritchie also surprised the followers of the ring game by stopping Rivers. It was generally expected that he would best the Mexican on points, because he is known to be the better boxer. Ritchie, however, proved beyond a question of doubt that he could not only take grueling punishment, but also could hit with sleep-producing results. Ritchie, who the San Francisco experts insist, is a real lightweight champion, the superior of Volganst and Nelson as a boxer, and almost the equal of the late Joe Gans as an all-around fighter.

If Cross does not decide to try conclusions with the champion, maybe Packey McFarland can have a match. McFarland and Ritchie were sparring partners once and are good friends, but that would cut a small figure if they were got into the ring together. McFarland would probably insist upon 133 pounds several hours before ring time, but Ritchie might not accept unless Packey agreed to do 134 at the same scaling time.

Meanwhile Ritchie will receive a formal challenge from Freddie Welsh, the British titleholder, who also lays claim to the world's title. Welsh will make any weight that Ritchie names and will sign titles for twenty rounds. The coast. The Briton got a decision over Ritchie in twenty rounds at Vernon in November, 1911, but they met at catch weights and the American then was a little more than a novice. As Ritchie is managing his own affairs now and as the sporting public is anxious to see him further tested he will probably agree to take on Welsh. McFarland, and Cross in the order named, provided of course there's enough money in sight.

## OFFERS BIG MONEY FOR COAST PLAYER

Detroit Offers Money, But Wolverton Wants to Trade Players for Johnny Williams.

DETROIT, July 7.—Twelve thousand dollars has been offered the Sacramento ball club, of the Pacific Coast League, for Johnny Williams, the young pitcher who is this season leading the coast twirlers.

Several major league clubs are after him and have been bidding against each other until the price has reached this figure. The largest offer offered for a Pacific Coast League ball player.

Jim McGuire, scout for the Detroit club, is looking Williams over, and it is possible the bid will yet be raised. Manager Wolverton, of the Sacramento team, declares he will make no cash deal for Williams. He will consider only a trade, including a pitcher of known ability and another good man.

### Batting Features.

WASHINGTON GROVE, July 7.—The batting of Lodge and Keyworth featured the game which Washington Grove won from Hyattsville by 5 to 2.

## INVENTOR NOW HAS BASEBALL MACHINE

Coast Man Patents Pitcher and Can Play a Game All by Himself.

CHELAN, Wash., July 7.—Alex McMillan, a resident of this place, has received a patent for an automatic ball pitcher. The model is in operation here, and is furnishing considerable amusement to all who enjoy "being their own ball team." The device is so arranged that as the ball is batted it lands on a sloping canvas, up which it shoots to a wire screen, over which it gravitates to a point above the pitcher. There it drops through a tube down onto the "hand" of the machine, and in so doing it touches a trigger which lets loose the spring, causing the arm to shoot the ball over the plate. Only when the batter misses the ball does he have to toss it back onto the canvas to get the machine in operation again.

The pitcher throws the ball at different vertical angles, making it very deceiving to the batter.

## YOUNG ALEXANDER WOULD GET ACTION

Wants to Meet Any One of Four Local Scrappers at Ardmore Club.

George Rawson, who manages Young Alexander, is looking for a mill for his scrapper with one one of four men in the District. The bout is to be staged at Ardmore. Rawson maintains that Alexander is a comer.

Young Alexander wants to get action with either Lewis or Sullivan, the principals in the last go before the Ardmore Club, or will tackle Charlie Egan or Young Thomas.

The local scrapper has been sparring partner of Yankee Schwartz and has had some experience in the ring game. Alexander weighs 135 pounds and has been scrapping since 1912. His first bout being at Gary, Ind., with Young Sharkey, which battle went fifteen rounds to a draw. Fighting Eason was met at Charleston and defeated in six rounds. Battling Kelley was met in a three-round exhibition and since then Alexander has tackled the Cuban Wonder three times, getting a knockout in six rounds, a no decision battle of fifteen rounds and a draw at the same distance. George Rawson can be found at 352 Newark street northwest.